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FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK, TZ

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ANDY YOUNG TO PRESIDENT OBASANJO

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ANDY YOUNG TO
GENERAL OBASANJO:

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. GENERAL OBASANJO:

I WANTED TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH DAVID OWEN AND I
APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU SO FULLY
AND FRANKLY OUR PROPOSAL FOR A RHODESIA SETTLEMENT. WE
WERE GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE DEPTH OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING
OF THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED AND BY YOUR WILLINGNESS TO
SHARE YOUR VIEWS SO FULLY WITH US.

AS YOU KNOW, SINCE OUR CONVERSATION WITH YOU IN LAGOS
WE HAVE MET WITH THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS
OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN LUSAKA, TALKED TO VORSTER IN
SOUTH AFRICA AND TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AGAIN IN DAR ES
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SALAAM.

WE ARE SURE YOU WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH
PRESIDENT NYERERE. IN OUR VIEW HE HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORT TO BRING MAJORITY RULE TO
ZIMBABWE THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE ARE MINDFUL
OF THE POLITICAL RISKS WHICH HE INCURS IN DOING SO AND ARE

THE MORE APPRECIATIVE FOR IT.

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO KEEP YOU AS FULLY INFORMED AS
POSSIBLE ON THE PROGRESS OF OUR INITIATIVE AND WILL PASS
ALONG INFORMATION AS IT OCCURS.

WE HAVE GOT TO KEEP THIS PACKAGE TOGETHER OR WE FACE
SERIOUS PROBLEMS FROM AN INTERNAL SOLUTION. WE MEET IAN
SMITH TODAY AND HE WILL PROBABLY REJECT OUR VIEWS. IT IS
IMPORTANT THAT HE BE ISOLATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE.

ANDY

END TEXT.
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